

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. The following listing provides the amended claims with deleted material crossed out and new material underlined to show the changes made.

1. – 42. (Canceled).

43. (Currently Amended) A media system comprising:

a network;

a plurality of media devices, coupled to said network, comprising at least a first media device and a second media device;

said first media device for discovering at least one digital media file ~~audio—video content~~ on said second media device;

~~said second media device for providing to said first media device audio—video content;~~

said network for transferring said digital media file ~~audio—video content~~ from said second media device to said first media device; and

said first media device for receiving said digital media file, for converting said digital media file to audio - video signals suitable for playback, and for playing said audio – video signals ~~content~~ at said first media device.

44. (Previously Presented) The media system as set forth in claim 43, wherein said audio – video content comprises audio.

45. (Previously Presented) The media system as set forth in claim 44, wherein said first media device comprises a set-top box and an audio system.

46. (Previously Presented) The media system as set forth in claim 43, wherein said audio – video content comprises video.

47. (Previously Presented) The media system as set forth in claim 46, wherein said first media device comprises a set-top box and a television.

48. (Previously Presented) The media system as set forth in claim 43, wherein said second media device comprises storage for storing said audio – video content at said second media device.

49. (Previously Presented) The media system as set forth in claim 43, wherein said second media device comprises content acquisition for acquiring said audio – video content external to said network.

50. (Previously Presented) The media system as set forth in claim 43, wherein said first media device further comprising an interface for receiving user input to select audio – video content available on said media system.

51. (Previously Presented) The media system as set forth in claim 50, wherein said interface for receiving user input comprises an interface for

receiving remote control signals.

52. (Previously Presented) The media system as set forth in claim 50, wherein said interface for receiving user input comprises an interface for receiving control signals from another media device.

53. (Previously Presented) The media system as set forth in claim 50, further comprising control access at said first media device for identifying said user and for restricting access to said audio – video content available based on said user.

54. (Previously Presented) The media system as set forth in claim 43, further comprising software for organizing said audio – video content.

55. (Previously Presented) The media system as set forth in claim 43, wherein said first or second media device comprises a personal computer.

56. (Currently Amended) A media system comprising:

a network;

a plurality of media devices, coupled to said network, comprising at least a first media device and a second media device;

said first media device for discovering said second media device as a playback device of audio – video content;

said first media device for storing at least one digital media file ~~providing to said second media device audio – video content;~~

said network for transferring said digital media file ~~audio—video content~~ from  
said first media device to said second media device; and

said second media device for receiving said digital media file ~~audio—video~~  
~~content~~, for converting said digital media file to audio - video signals, and  
for playing said audio - video signals ~~content~~ at said second media device.

57. (Previously Presented) The media system as set forth in  
claim 56, wherein said audio - video content comprises audio.

58. (Previously Presented) The media system as set forth in  
claim 57, wherein said second media device comprises a set-top box and an audio system.

59. (Previously Presented) The media system as set forth in  
claim 56, wherein said audio - video content comprises video.

60. (Previously Presented) The media system as set forth in  
claim 59, wherein said second media device comprises a set-top box and a television.

61. (Previously Presented) The media system as set forth in  
claim 56, wherein said first media device comprises storage for storing said audio - video  
content at said first media device.

62. (Previously Presented) The media system as set forth in  
claim 56, wherein said first media device comprises content acquisition for acquiring said  
audio - video content external to said network.

63. (Previously Presented) The media system as set forth in

claim 56, wherein said first media device further comprising an interface for receiving user input to select audio – video content available on said media system.

64. (Previously Presented) The media system as set forth in claim 63, wherein said interface for receiving user input comprises an interface for receiving remote control signals.

65. (Previously Presented) The media system as set forth in claim 63, wherein said interface for receiving user input comprises an interface for receiving control signals from another media device.

66. (Previously Presented) The media system as set forth in claim 63, further comprising control access at said first media device for identifying said user and for restricting access to said audio – video content available based on said user.

67. (Previously Presented) The media system as set forth in claim 56, further comprising software for organizing said audio – video content.

68. (Previously Presented) The media system as set forth in claim 56, wherein said first media device comprises a personal computer.

69. (Currently Amended) A media system comprising:

a network;

a plurality of consumer electronic devices coupled to said network;

storage device coupled said network for storing a plurality of digital media files;

first set-top box, coupled to a first consumer electronic device, for discovering at least one digital media file ~~audio—video content~~ on said storage device;  
~~said storage device for providing to said first set-top box audio—video content;~~  
said network for transferring said digital media file ~~audio—video content~~ from  
said storage device to said first set-top box; and  
said first set-top box for receiving said digital media file ~~audio—video content~~,  
for converting said digital media file to signals suitable for playback on  
said first consumer electronic device; and  
said first consumer electronic device for playing said ~~audio—video~~ signals  
~~content at said first consumer electronic device.~~

70. (Previously Presented) The media system as set forth in claim 69,  
wherein said storage device comprises a personal computer.

71. (Currently Amended) The media system as set forth in claim 69,  
wherein said digital media file ~~audio—video content~~ comprises an audio file.

72. (Previously Presented) The media system as set forth in claim 71,  
wherein said first consumer electronic device comprises an audio system.

73. (Currently Amended) The media system as set forth in claim 71,  
wherein said storage device comprises ~~an~~ a compact audio disc player comprising at least  
one CD.

74. (Currently Amended) The media system as set forth in claim 69,

wherein said digital media file ~~audio—video content~~ comprises video.

75. (Previously Presented) The media system as set forth in claim 74, wherein said first consumer electronic device comprises a television.

76. (Previously Presented) The media system as set forth in claim 74, wherein said storage device comprises a DVD player comprising at least one DVD.

77. (Currently Amended) A media system comprising:

a network;

a plurality of consumer electronic devices coupled to said network;

storage device coupled said network for storing a plurality of digital media files;

first set-top box coupled to a first consumer electronic device ~~storage device;~~

said first set-top box for discovering at least one consumer electronic device as a playback device for at least one digital media file ~~of audio—video content;~~

~~said first set top box for providing to said consumer electronic device audio—video content from said storage device;~~

said network for transferring said digital media file ~~audio—video content~~ from said storage device to said first set-top box ~~consumer electronic device;~~  
and

said first set-top box ~~consumer electronic device~~ for receiving said digital media file ~~audio—video content~~, for converting said digital media file to signals

suitable for playback on said first consumer electronic device; and

said first consumer electronic device for playing said ~~signals~~ audio—video  
content.

78. (Previously Presented) The media system as set forth in claim 77,  
wherein said storage device comprises a personal computer.

79. (Currently Amended) The media system as set forth in claim 77,  
wherein said digital media file ~~audio—video content~~ comprises a digital audio file.

80. (Previously Presented) The media system as set forth in claim 79,  
wherein said consumer electronic device comprises an audio system.

81. (Previously Presented) The media system as set forth in claim 79,  
wherein said storage device comprises an audio compact disc player comprising at least  
one audio CD.

82. (Currently Amended) The media system as set forth in claim 77;  
wherein said digital media file ~~audio—video content~~ comprises a digital video file.

83. (Previously Presented) The media system as set forth in claim 82,  
wherein said consumer electronic device comprises a television.

84. (Previously Presented) The media system as set forth in claim 82,  
wherein said storage device comprises a DVD playing comprising at least one DVD.